

CITY OF ALAMEDA

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Honorable Chair and
Members of the Community Improvement Commission

From: John A. Russo
City Manager/Executive Director

Date: September 6, 2011

Re: Appropriate \$237,113 from Community Improvement Commission - West
End Community Improvement Project Bond Funds, \$83,416 in Capital
Project Funds, \$47,000 from Parking In-Lieu Fees, and \$130,000 from the
Parking Meter Fund, and Award a Contract in Amount of \$1,476,583,
Including Contingencies, to Suarez & Munoz Construction Inc. for Park
Street Streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue, and Central Avenue
to San Jose Avenue, No. P.W. 10-09-30

BACKGROUND

On March 15, 2011, the City Council authorized a call for bids for the Park Street streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue, and Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue project, No. P.W. 10-09-30. Bids were opened on June 13, 2011, and only one contractor, Ghilotti Brothers, Inc., submitted a bid for \$1,905,267, forty percent higher than the engineer's estimate. Staff reviewed the bids and determined that several line items were well above industry average cost, including those for clearing and grubbing, curb and gutter, traffic control, and trenching. On June 21, 2011, the City Council rejected the sole bid, adopted revised plans and specifications and authorized a new call for bids. Bids were opened on July 7, 2011, and only the single contractor, Ghilotti Brothers, Inc. submitted a bid for \$1,917,348, forty-one percent higher than the engineers estimate and \$14,000 higher than its previous bid. On July 19, 2011, the City Council rejected the sole bid and adopted Resolution No. 14609, authorizing open market negotiations of a contract pursuant to Section 3-15 of the Alameda City Charter contingent upon Caltrans approval of cost effectiveness and public interest finding. In August, Caltrans informed staff that it denied the requirement for open market negotiations, so staff rebid the project on August 19, 2011.

The Park Street streetscape project improvements include: the removal of 21 existing street trees and the planting of 32 new street trees with irrigation, the removal of five existing streetlights and the installation of 22 new streetlights; the installation of bus shelters, bicycle racks, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible curb ramps; and the reconstruction of portions of curb, gutter, sidewalk, and street pavement,

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as needed, for the installation of the improvements. The project includes two additive alternates. The first add alternate extends the improvements from Encinal Avenue to San Jose Avenue and would remove seven existing trees and plant 24 new trees with irrigation; remove six streetlights and install 16 new streetlights; and construct a curb extension on the east side of Park Street at San Antonio Avenue for ADA accessibility at the existing crosswalk. The second additive alternate replaces the existing parking meters with parking meter kiosks.

DISCUSSION

To solicit the maximum number of bids and most competitive price, plans and specifications were provided to 19 separate builders exchanges throughout the Bay Area and were posted on the City's website. Companies that had shown an interest in similar projects in the past were contacted directly to increase the number of bidders on the project. A widely noticed pre-bid meeting was also held to provide an opportunity for potential contractors to ask questions. A notice of bid was also published in the Alameda Journal. The bid opening was held on August 19, 2011, and the bid information is as follows:

Contractor	Location	Base Bid/Add Alternates
Suarez & Munoz	Hayward	\$1,342,348
McGuire & Hester	Oakland	\$1,612,497
Ghilotti Brothers	San Rafael	\$1,998,316

The project specifications states that the award will be to the contractor with the lowest total of the base bid plus the two add alternates or that the City may elect to contract for the base bid plus any or all of the add alternates at its sole discretion. Staff has evaluated the bids and recommends that the award be based on the base bid, add alternate one and add alternate two. Staff recommends awarding a contract to Suarez & Munoz, for a total amount of \$1,476,583, including a 10% contingency. A copy of the agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The funds for this project are budgeted in the Public Works Department's account for Capital Improvement Program (90606) Park Street Streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue and Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue, with Community Improvement Commission - West End Community Improvement Project Bond Funds (CIC - WECIP) Bond Funds (Funds 201.13 and 201.15), Capital Project funds (Fund 310), Parking In-

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Lieu Fees (Fund 223), and Parking Meter funds (Fund 224). There is no impact to the General Fund,

MUNICIPAL CODE/POLICY DOCUMENT CROSS REFERENCE

This action does not affect the Municipal Code.

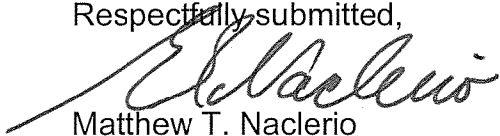
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project is Categorically Exempt under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), Existing Facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Appropriate \$237,113 from CIC - WECIP bond funds, \$83,416 in capital project funds, \$47,000 from parking in-lieu fees, and \$130,000 from the parking meter fund, and award a contract in amount of \$1,476,583, including contingencies, to Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc. for Park Street streetscape, Lincoln Avenue to Webb Avenue, and Central Avenue to San Jose Avenue, No. P.W. 10-09-30.

Respectfully submitted,



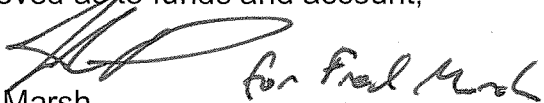
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Approved as to funds and account,



Fred Marsh
Controller

Exhibit:

1. Agreement - on file in the City Clerk's Office